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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Gish, et al.

Application No.: 09/702,216

Filed: October 30, 2000

For: NOVEL METHODS OF
DIAGNOSING BREAST CANCER,
COMPOSITIONS, AND METHODS OF
SCREENING FOR BREAST CANCER
MODULATORS

Art Unit: 1645

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows. Enclosed is a Petition to Extend Time for two months, from April 27, 2002, to June 27, 2002:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice to subsequent revival and add new claims 32-38 as follows:

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32. A method for determining the presence or absence of a breast cancer cell in a patient, the method comprising detecting a nucleic acid comprising a